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April 27, 1954

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, 1954 at 5:00 o'clock.

The following were present: Chairman Morton Hodgson, Richard Bloodworth, Jr. Thomas H. Milner, Jr., and Sarah Maret. As there was no quorum, the group took no official action.

Miss Maret reported that the Children's Librarian was resigning and that this position would have to be filled. She suggested Mrs. William Tate for this position. This met with the approval of the members present. Miss Maret was asked to contact other members of the board to get their approval of this selection of for a staff member.

Mr. Hodgson, Chairman, appointed a nominating committee. This committee was composed of Mrs. Mendenhall, chairman, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Dudley and Mr. Wier.

Election of officers is to be held at the meeting in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Maret

May 25, 1954

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on Tuesday afternoon, May 25, 1954 at 5 o'clock at the Regional Library. Present were: Mr. Morton Hodgson, Richard Bloodworth, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. T.H. McHatton, T.H. Milner, Jr. and Judge Arthur Oldham. Also present was Miss Maret.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Hodgson. Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The Library Director gave the following report: (1) Plans for the Summer Vacation Reading Club were under way. Children in the Athens library are planning to use the theme "Hunt Treasure Through Books". The Pirate Idea is being used. Branches at Watkinsville, Lexington and Bogart are planning to use the same idea for their clubs. Danielsville Branch is to use "Travelling Through Space With Books". Dunbar is to have a cowboy reading club. Visits have been made to the schools of the region to interest the children in the summer reading program. (2) Interested citizens of Bogart and the members of the Oconee County Library Board are working to secure a building for the housing of the branch library at Bogart. (3) Members of the Ladies' Garden Club have furnished plants, seeds and flowers for the Saturday morning Children's Story Hour. (4) The Dunbar Branch Library has had several windows broken out during the past few weeks. The windows have been replaced and the police have been notified.

It was moved by Mrs. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the Chairman of the Board write to Mrs. M.G. Nicholson and express the appreciation of the Board for the interest shown by her and the Ladies' Garden Club in furnishing plants, seeds and flowers for the Children's Story Hour. Motion was carried.

The Director reported that the position of Children's Librarian was still vacant. She said that an application had been received from a librarian from Spartanburg, S.C. and that she had written her to come to Athens for an interview. Several other suggestions were presented to the Board. The Director recommended Miss Frances Nunn, librarian of the Athens High School for the position. Miss Nunn would be available for the summer months and she would qualify for state salary. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that we employ Miss Nunn for the summer months. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dudley. Motion was carried.

Mr. Milner reported that when back Social Security was paid for the employees of the library, the Director was not included since she was covered by Teacher Retirement. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Wilson that necessary steps be taken to give the Director the corresponding amount as was paid out for the other employees of the library. Motion was carried. The Director pointed out that funds for the library at this time were rather low and that she felt that the budget could not bear any additional expenditure of funds for this item.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. Mendenhall, Chr. She presented the following names for officers:

Chairman	B. Richard Bloodworth, Jr.
Vice Chairman	Mrs. Frank Dudley
Secretary	Sarah Maret
Treasurer	Thomas H. Milner, Jr.

The slate of officers as presented was unanimously elected by the Board.

Mrs. Mendenhall recommended that steps be taken to ammend Article 1V of the Constitution to include a Corresponding Secretary for the Board.

A vote of appreciation was given to the out-going Chairman for his untiring efforts in behalf of the library.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Saul E. Thaut

November 23, 1954

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on Tuesday afternoon, November 23, 1954 at 5 o'clock at the Regional Library. The following members were present: Richard Bloodworth, Billy Weir, Mrs. Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Morton Hodgson and Sarah Maret.

Chairman, Richard Bloodworth, called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Mendenhall suggested that notices be sent out 30 days prior to the annual meeting in April, concerning the suggested change in the Constitution, so as to provide for a corresponding secretary for the Board. Also it was suggested that a change be made in the term of office for Board members, this change to be from the present three years to a term of five years. Both changes are to be voted on at the annual meeting in April.

Mr. Hodgson reported that Mr. Craig Orr, who set out boxwoods in the garden early in the year, was to replace those which had died during the summer. This was in accordance with the agreement made with him at the time of planting the boxwoods.

Chairman Bloodworth appointed Mr. Hodgson Chairman of the Grounds Committee. Mr. Hodgson said that he wished to have more work done in the garden. He said that the fountain needs to be completed. Mrs. Mendenhall suggested that garden furniture be purchased. Mr. Hodgson said that he would look into the cost of such furniture and report this at the next meeting.

Mr. Weir moved that a salary supplement for December be granted to the employees of the library, provided the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Director found that we had sufficient funds at the end of the year to do so. The amount was set at \$15.00 for Branch Librarians and \$25.00 for employees of the main library. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hodgson. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that she had attended the Community Leader Workshop held at Emory University in October and that on several occasions the Athens Regional Library was complimented for its work.

Mr. Wilson suggested that a series of articles be written about the work of the library, so as to inform the community of its services. Mr. Hodgson suggested that Mr. Wilson head up such a committee. He was appointed by the Chairman and accepted this responsibility.

Mr. Hodgson moved that the Director be given a salary supplement of \$50.00 for the month of December, provided the funds were available. Mr. Wilson seconded motion. Motion carried.

The Budget for 1955 was passed to members. Budget was discussed. The Director pointed out that the state was contributing a large share of our budget and that we were eligible for another staff member to be paid from state funds, if a trained person were available. Mr. Wilson moved that the budget be adopted as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Hodgson. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Chairman present the budget to the Mayor and answer any questions he might ask about it.

The closing of the library during the Christmas holidays was discussed. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that the library be closed on December 24, 25, and 26, as has been the custom in the past. Motion seconded by Mr. Hodgson. Motion carried.

The Chairman reported that the services of Mrs. Kathleen Lightsey had been secured for the Children's Department, and that she had been approved by the State Department of Education. Mr. Hodgson moved that the appointment of Mrs. Lightsey be approved by the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried.

The librarian reported that \$547.08 had been received by the library from the American Library Association to carry on its discussion groups under the American Heritage Project. She said that this amount is not an additional grant to the library, but is the sum which was left from our 1953-1954 grant. The director pointed out that this fund was not sufficient to hire a director for the program, as has been done in the past, but it will help with materials, training, etc.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret

Sarah E. Maret, Secretary

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Director Hodgson was a citizen vitally interested in the literary and cultural welfare of the people of northeast Georgia. Because of his interest in this particular undertaking, he was well fitted to serve as a faithful and efficient member of this board.

His interests were wide-spread but he was never too busy or so greatly engrossed in business, not to give generously of his talents in behalf of this association.

It is our sincere wish that his loved ones be aware that we, along with them, will miss him in the years to come.

That a copy of this resolution be inscribed in our minutes as a memorial in his memory; and let a copy be sent to his wife and family.

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